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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**ART UNIT 3775**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	§	
Molz IV, et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 7729
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Serial No.: 10/733,554	§	Group Art Unit: 3775
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Filed: December 10, 2003	§	Examiner: Swiger III, James L.
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	§	Atty Dkt. No. 31132.63/PC791
REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET	§	
JOINTS	§	Customer No. 46333

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

In response to the final Office Action of January 7, 2009, entry of the following amendments and comments into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. If any additional fees are required, please charge those fees to Haynes & Boone LLP Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.

/James L. Swiger/

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